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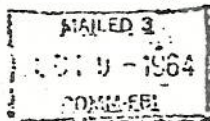
Dear Mr. Ernst:

Your letter of October 7th, with enclosure, has been received in Mr. Hoover's absence from the city. You may be sure it will be brought to his attention upon his return.

I know he would want me to tell you that he appreciates your staunch support.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary



NOTE: Mr. Ernst was formerly included on the Special Correspondents' List but was deleted in accordance with Mr. Tolson's instructions. He was one of the attorneys hired by the Dominican Republic to conduct an investigation into the disappearance of Dr. Jesus de Galindez. He appeared before the Executive Session of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee concerning this case and during the course of his testimony claimed to have been very close to the Director, whom he described as a "treasured friend." It was reported to the Bureau 5-27-59 that Ernst had alleged to be J. Edgar Hoover's personal attorney. Any mail from Ernst during the recent past has been acknowledged by in-absence letters. It is felt that in spite of his defending the Director regarding the Warren report that the policy of in-absence letters should continue. He is obviously trying to curry the Director's favor and any correspondence to him over the Director's signature may bring about a repetition of his referring to the Director as a close, personal friend and ill-advised statements to the effect that the correspondent is the Director's attorney.

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